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OSLO - BLITZ TO BE CLEARED!

After years of talk and threats, at 10-1-1990 the local Council in Oslo decided that the youth-house Blitz must be cleared, the people who uses the house must be out at the latest 1. of march. After this decision was made, about 1000 people showed up around Blitz. Barrikades are being improved and Blitz is getting ready to defend itself. From Hamburg and Frankfurt there has been reports of solidarity-actions with Blitz. As a part of the mobilisation for Blitz there will be a big demonstration 25-1 against the Southafrican Consulate, which has been moved back to the city again. Formally, the eviction has not relly been passed in the Local Council yet - as this decision needs a 2/3 majority. But that majority seems to become a reality at the Council-meeting at 24-1.

FORSVAR BLITZ
Den 7 september behandles rivningsvedtaket i Byutviklingskomiteen. Vi vil vise styrken bundt Blitz, og inviterer til folkefest med variert underholdning. Moro for hele familien.
FOLKE FEST
MOT RIVING

"THE BIG TERROR CASE"

(For more info, see Ekomedia News nr. 40) The situation has not changed very much since we last reported on this case. Now - january 1990 - 19 people are charged, 7 of them are in solitary-prison (5 has been for more than 9 months), and they still keep absolutely silent. The charges involve killing of a policeman, robbery, violence, illegal possession of weapons, planning of kidnapping, attempt to steal weapons in Norway -and the terror-§, § 114, because the group sent their robbed money to a "terrorist-organisation", the palestinian organization, PFLP.

The police still leaks the info they want the public to know, the arrested say nothing at all, their lawyers are not allowed to say anything. The cop in head of the investigation had to resign from this job, because he was seen discussing the case with some journalists at a bar in Copenhagen. In short time the police will decide who to charge with what, they still hope someone will start talking. As no confessions are made, the case will be with a jury, and it might come to court this spring.

SOME INTERESTING GATHERINGS/MEETINGS

12-15 may "Ecology-equality" in Bergen, Norway, on global environment crisis and models of development.

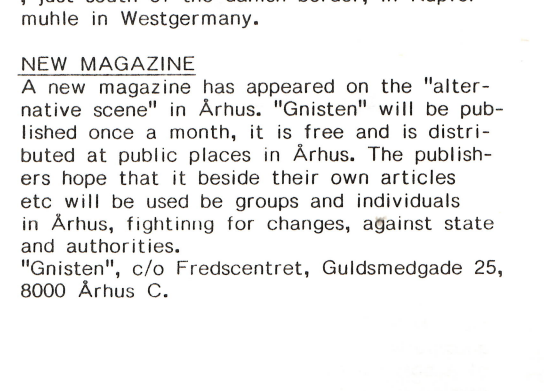
6-7 july Nordic Peoples Parliament, on alternatives to the EEC, at Vega, Norway.

3-7 july European Nuclear Disarmament, Helsingfors/ Tallinn

19-23 july "A meeting of the World" Joensun, Finland - an international festival on art and music.

"TRAVEL SOUTH AFRICA '90"
is the name of a fair, held to promote danish tourism in South Africa. The fair is organized by "Jensen Safaris", owned by Holger Krogsgård Jensen, a wellknown admirer of South Africa. December 1. to 3. he will show films and offer south african marmalade and wine at the "Travel South africa '90". Because of the opinion against South Africa the fair will take place at "Hotel an der Grenze" , just south of the danish border, in Kupfermuhle in Westgermany.

NEW MAGAZINE
A new magazine has appeared on the "alternative scene" in Århus. "Gnisten" will be published once a month, it is free and is distributed at public places in Århus. The publishers hope that it beside their own articles etc will be used be groups and individuals in Århus, fighting for changes, against state and authorities.
"Gnisten", c/o Fredscentret, Guldsmedgade 25, 8000 Århus C.



BZ ÅRHUS SQUAT BZ ÅRHUS SQUAT BZ
Mindegade 7 has been squatted for nearly 9 months now. The owner of the house got his permission to build offices from Local council in november, but he still hasn't asked the police to evict the squatters. So, the situation for the squatters is again - waiting. Meanwhile, about 15 persons live in the squat, they run a cafe 2-3 times a week, with film or music, cheap food etc. And in the autumn the squatters have started up "common meetings" where all "BZ-like characters" in Århus are welcome to discuss, exchange ideas, tell news etc. That is every second sunday, at 15^{00} afternoon, at Mindegade 7, 8000 Århus C.

HEALTH - FOR THOSE WHO CAN PAY
The first private (pay-) hospital in Denma was opened at 2-10, and at the same tim & place an organisation "Equal Right to Health" made a symbolic burial of The P lic Health System, as a protestagainst th privatization. They fear that the luxury p vate hospital will be only for the rich (t who can afford the payment or whose em ployer are willing to buy an insurance...) at the same time it will drain money an other ressources from the public system education of doctors & nurses; and they must have blood from the public hospital etc.) Also the politicians will surely use private hospital as an excuse for more c ting downs on the public ones. Just look England or USA to see how bad it can b how long you can get away from equal r to health! Speeches at the burial called a boycott of the capital-interests behind mostly the insurance-company Hafnia and cleaning- and security company ISS.

SOCIALISTIC YOUTH GATHERING
was held in Slagelse at oct. 7-8, about 2 young people from leftwing parties and o nizations, BZ, Youth Against Apartheid a others, discussed EEC-union, social cuttin racism etc. The gathering will continue a "Parliament of the Street" in the various towns, and in 1990 a new Gathering will held.
The first actions were held in november, street-theatre etc. And also the first spl has occured as BZ in Copenhagen has lef the local Gadens Parlament, in protest against another participant. So it seems like yet another common-initiative has stopped being common before it has real started.... at least in copenhagen, hopefu rest of the groups can continue their coo ration.

nordiske kvinners fredsnettverk

NORTHERN LIGHTS - WOMEN'S ACTION - an invitation to all women, to participate in a pronounced protest against the ongoing armament of the North.
In September 1990 NATO will again carry out a big war-exercise in Norway. The TEAM WORK exercise will involve soldiers from USA, England, Holland and Norway - the biggest exercise in Norway this year. The part carried out on land near Trondheim, will involve 18.000 soldiers.

We, Nordiske Kvinders Fredsnetværk (Nordic Womens Peace-network, an informal network of women involved in peace-work) will try to stop the exercise. First the "parlamentary way" will be tried: by public discussion and demands try to get the exercise stopped, by the NATO heads themselves. And if this is no success, then we will try to stop them at the spot, with nonviolent actions.
The Network is also protesting an exercise, Array encounter, carried out feb. 15-28, near Tromsø. Tromsø is a heavily militarized area in Norway -every year exercises with 10.000-15.000 men, and many installations like radar, runways, army-hospitals, etc etc are even being enlarged. The local population. The local population are getting more and more dependent on the military economy, because the area has high unemployment and also problems with "black sea", that is: no fishing. Unfortunately there is not time enough to prepare an action, but letters of protest etc will be sendt.
To make the actions against TEAM WORK many women are needed!Both in the planning and in the actions - if you are interested, you can contact Tine Forchhemmmer, Løjenkærvej 28, 8300 Odder, Denmark. It should be before march 5., because long time will be needed, to make the affinity- and local groups work well before the actions must be carried out. The network communicate through the norwegian magazine, Fredsstikka, Bentsrødveien 95, 3200 Sandefjord, Norway.

FINNISH TREE-HUG'ERS
(Tree-hug'ers are activists fighting to pr forests. They often action by chaining t selves to the threathened trees - like hu ging the trees...)
The local population in Vuolojoki i north Finland have risen against the finnish Fo Authorities' cutting of nearly 2000 ha of est in their area. The activists demand 10 year old decision to be changed, and of the forest to be protected area. The Church urges its Community-members to vil obedience, and police have been used gainst the tree-hug'ers.

Not all our newsreports are bad & sad: The 1989 Christmas Evening Party in the Free City of Christiania in Copenhagen yet another time a success, with its trad nal free christmas food, fun for the child and music all night - and lot of people!

ACTION REPORTS

"STOP POLICE VIOLENCE
Friday 16-10 police attacked a legal BZ-demonstration in Copenhagen. Repression in form of telephone bugging, opening of mail, solitary prison etc is everyday life for us, who want to fight the system. That shows us that the highly praised danish democracy is rotten when it comes to Rigth to Speak and to demonstrate.
Banks and the legal system are parts of the System, which is protected by cops with their long batons.
Because of that, in solidarity with BZ-Copenhagen, we have tonight smashed windows in 2 banks in Århus, and graffitied the Courthouse.
ISOLATION IS THEIR WEAPON
SOLIDARITY IS OUR STRENGTH"

"SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF EL SALVADOR - ATTACK ON UNISYS IN COPENHAGEN
The night before monday 4-12-89 we attacked the danish headquarter of Unisys, at Blegdamsvej in Copenhagen. We have painted, smashed windows and thrown in stinking acid into the offices, to disrupt their work and to show which future they deserve. In this way we show our solidarity with the fighting people of El Salvador.
Unisys is one of the biggest multinational computer firms, big supplier to the US Army. Unisys has among other things, developed and produced advanced computersystems used in the big Trident submarines and in the nuclear Pershing- and Cruise-missiles.
Beside the military job, Unisys worldwide participates in creating an alienated and computerized society, where people and life doesn't count at all. Unisys is hightechnological exploitation, oppression and death.
VENCEREMOS"

ANTI-McDONALD´s

"Århus 16-10-89
Today is international actionday against McDonald´s. Beside being a super-capitalist multinational company owned by yankees, McDonald´s is a firm, that under-pay their employees. And McDonald´s cows are grazing on areas which earlier were rainforests, but now cut down to make bigger profits to McDonald´s.
We think that is outrageous. At least we must demand that McDonald´s offer proper conditions to their employees, and that their cows are grazing a more suitable place than rainforests.
These demands have been presented to McDonald´s from different sides, at many occasions. But it has had no effect. Apparently you can´t argue with money.
This is why we tonight have smashed their windows and thrown in some paint - to show we won´t tolerate their filthiness."